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## **CHAPTER 174**

(House Bill 1238)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 16-29 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1969 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Department," amending the laws concerning the retirement of certain officers and employees of the Baltimore Police Department of Baltimore City in order to correct an omission therein.

WHEREAS, in the 1969 Edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City and in Section 16-29 thereof, relating to retirement provisions for the Baltimore City Police Department, account was not taken of an amendment to this section contained in Chapter 401 in the Acts of 1967; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to correct this inadvertent omission; now, therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 16-29 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1969 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Department," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

16-29.

In addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund as above constituted and designated, the said Police Commissioner is empowered whenever, in his opinion, the efficiency of the service may require it, to retire any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey appointed by him; and the said Police Commissioner shall pay to such officers of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey so retired, in monthly installments, out of said fund, for life, a sum of money equal to one-half the amount of money currently paid monthly to an officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, as provided by law; provided, however, he shall have served faithfully not less than sixteen years as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey. Provided, however, that no officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey appointed after June 1, 1943, shall be retired until he shall have served not less than twenty years or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duties. Provided further, that on and after June 1, 1947, any employee of the Police Department, who is a member of the special fund of said department may, on his own application, be retired at the age of sixty (60) without the necessity of a physical examination, [provided] OR WHEN he has served a minimum of thirty (30) years, and shall be retired upon reaching the age of seventy (70). In the event at any time of an increase in the pay of officers of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, every officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, who shall have been or shall subsequently be retired by the said Police Commissioner shall be entitled to and the said Police Commissioner shall pay to him in the manner and at and for the length of time provided in this section for the pay of the members of the police force who shall be retired or shall have been retired, a sum equal to one-half of the remuneration of the active members of the Police